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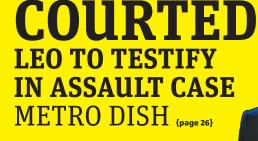


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Big day for market draws near

Seaport Farmers' Market to open Saturday Construction crews still hard at work Not all vendors making the move to new location (page 6)

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Fee increase part of airport plan

Purchasing new snow and ice removal equipment and the expansion of several areas of the terminal are among the early highlights of the Halifax Stan-International Airport's new 10-year Capital Plan.

The plan, to be finalized this fall, will detail the airport's capital investment priorities for 2011 to 2020. According to the Halifax International Airport Authority, the

plan aims to improve passenger safety, reduce flight delays, as well as improving and upgrading its facilities to expand airport services.

While the plan is not yet complete, the HIAA has announced it will include a \$5 increase to Airport Improvement Fees, meaning every passenger starting their trip in Halifax will have to pay \$20.

According to HIAA spokesman Peter Spur-

way, the fee increase is seen as necessary for the continued expansion of

the airport.
"When we look at what we would like to do, or what needs to be done over the next 10 years ... it did become relatively clear to us relatively early that we need to go to a \$20 AIF," he said.

The AIF was last increased in 2009, to \$15 from \$10.







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Eleven more charged in drug investigation

Second time organized crime charges laid in Nova Scotia, first time in Cape Breton



Police allege a drug ring busted in Cape Breton Thursday imported drugs through Halifax and Montreal by plane, mail, and automobile.

Eleven people in Cape Breton were charged in connection with the ring, which federal RCMP and Cape Breton Regional Police allege dealt in marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy and steroids.

That brings the total number of arrests for the nine-month investigation to 16, with charges including conspiracy to traffic, possession for the purpose of trafficking, and participation in a criminal organization.

The 16 arrested range in age from 20 to 43 years old. Only half are accused of ac-

Number of alleged members charged in relation to a Cape Breton drug ring. More arrests are possible, according to RCMP.

trafficking drugs, while the others with conspiracy to do so.

RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger said while the ring dealt in Cape Breton, the bust affects the entire province.

"Any time that we're able to get any drugs off our roads, it all contributes to making our roads a safer place," she said.

"So even though the majority of the charges are in Cape Breton, it all has a positive influence on our province throughout."



Two-hour chase ends in arrest

It was a slow-speed car chase that began in Dartmouth, went to Fall River. back through Bedford to Tantallon, off towards Hubbards before winding back in Fall River.

The more than twohour chase involved both Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP and be-gan around 3:40 a.m. Thursday when police observed a car leave an auto dealership on Portland

Charges

Dartmouth Greg Thomas Weeks, an 18-year-old from Dartmouth, faces charges of impaired driving. refusing a demand for a drug influence evaluation, dangerous driving, flight and breaching conditions.

Street and drive over an

embankment.

RCMP drew their weapons when the car finally stopped at 5:50 a.m. after the driver lost control trying to swerve around a police vehicle in front of him.

An 18-year-old man was

taken into custody.
Police say they backed off from the chase several times and tire spikes were used three times

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News in brief

Premiers to be at **Winter Games?**

INVITATION. Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter has invited premiers from all provinces and territories to attend the 2011 Canada Winter

Games in Halifax next

February. Dexter extended the invite Thursday — complete with Nova Scotia pins and scarves at a luncheon at the Council of the Federation annual summer meeting in Winnipeg.

More than 2,700 athletes will compete in more than 20 sports for the Games from Feb. 11-27. The event is expected to attract thousands of visitors. media and event officials.

100 years of navy life on display at museum

Artwork is divided into 4 themes that speak to the experience of the Canadian navy Paintings are from prominent artists including Arthur Lismer, Alex Colville



Nothing captures war or life at sea quite like a paint-

A travelling exhibit from the Canada War Museum in Ottawa opens Friday at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. It's called The Navy: A Century in Art.

There are portraits of the Battle of the Atlantic, conditions of life at sea, Canadian naval personnel involved in conflict, as well as representations of the as representations of the home ports of the Canadi-an navy," said Anne-Marie Raymond, spokeswoman for the Canada War Museum, who led media on a tour on Thursday.

There are about 10 paintings depicting Halifax

Exhibit details

- Exhibit on display Aug. 6 to Oct. 24.
- Travelling exhibit opened in Calgary and will be back at the Canada War Museum for Remembrance Day.
- Time period of the paintings: First World War to the present day.
- There is also an exhibit at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia: 100 Years Together, running until Aug. 15.

40^{The approximate} ings on display at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

scenes, including one painting that shows a busy Barrington Street during the Second World War.



Suspect in New Year's homicide arrested

A Dartmouth man wanted for murder after a fatal New Year's Eve brawl in Antigonish is now behind

Robert Harris Lamb, 20, was arrested at an apartment in Lunenburg at about 10:45 p.m. on Wednesday.

RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger said Lamb — who had been wanted on a Canada-wide warrant since early February - had family in the Lunenburg area and was arrested without incident.

"As result of the totality of the information gathered through this investigation, we were brought to the location in Lunenburg," she said.

Lamb is facing a charge of second-degree murder in the death of 25-year-old Ionathan Beaton, who is from Southside Harbour,

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Beaton died in hospital early on Jan. 1, about four hours after police were called to a brawl that broke out at a house party at a rented residence at 123 College St.

Beaton was rushed to hospital suffering from stab wounds.

"It certainly brings some relief to the Beaton family that Mr. Lamb is in custody," said Staff Sgt. Tony Perry of the Antigonish RCMP. "It's one more step of closure for that family." O PHILIP CROUCHER



- RCMP spokeswoman Sqt. Brigdit Leger wouldn't say how long Robert Harris Lamb might have been in Lunenburg or where else he could've been.
 - Police had said Lamb might be in Calgary shortly after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

4 charged after raid 14 carts yields drugs, guns

Four people are facing charges in Halifax after a seizure of drugs and a couple of loaded handguns in residential neighbour-

Halifax Regional Police say they searched a home on Farnham Gate Road around 5 a.m. on Thursday.

Police found marijuana, prescription drugs and two

A 48-year-old man, 43year-old woman, and males aged 20 and 15 are each facing drug-trafficking charges and weaponsrelated offences.

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torched at golf club

RCMP are investigating after someone set fire to 14 golf carts at the West Pubnico Golf and Country Club. Police say 12 carts were totally destroyed and two were badly damaged on Wednesday night.

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Man loses foot in workplace accident

One man had a foot amputated and another injured a finger after a pair of industrial accidents at J.D. Irving Sproule Lumber in Truro

Nova Scotia Labour Department spokesman Kevin Finch says a 48-yearold man lost his foot

Wednesday while changing blades on a chipping unit after he got caught in a transmission shaft.

In the second incident the same day, a man was injured when his hand got caught between a wrench and a moving conveyor belt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Country fest set to be the biggest hoedown in F

A sunny weekend expected as country-loving concert-goers descend on the Commons O Johnny Reid, Alan Jackson set to headline two-night festival



characteristically silent on exact numbers, promoter Harold MacKay expects around 30,000 people to attend Country Rockfest on the Halifax Commons.

"The site is set up for 30,000 (people), and I think that's what we'll probably do," he said on Thursday.

The two-night festival will feature five bands a



night, with doors opening around 1 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

An estimated 25,000 concert goers flooded the Common for last month's Black Eyed Peas show also put on by MacKay.

Late in that show, a "security issue" necessitated opening up gates to allow an undisclosed amount of non-ticket holders entry to the grounds.

But MacKay said that won't be happening again.
"They'll be nothing

opened up this time, it'll be tighter than a drum," he said, adding he's hired



Sittin' on the dock of the bay

Woman hit by car on her weapons. deck. injured drug charges

RCMP say a Meteghan Centre woman suffered serious injuries Thursday after being pinned under an out-of-control car that drove onto her home's back deck. Another woman was charged with impaired driving by a drug in connection with the incident around noon. Police say the injuries are not life-threatening.

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Men facing

Two Halifax men aged 19 and 22 are now facing drug trafficking and weapons-related charges following a traffic stop on Wednesday night around North West Arm Drive and Old Sambro Road.

Police the duo was in possession of a can of bear spray, along with drugs The items were seized by

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Premiers to seek wonder status for bay

The premiers from both sides of Atlantic Canada's Bay of Fundy will lobby their counterparts from across Canada to help make the body of water listed as one of seven new wonders of nature.

New Brunswick's Shawn Graham and Darrell Dexter of Nova Scotia will give a presentation Friday in Winnipeg. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Crews hard at work as market's big day nears

Customers anxiously await environmentally friendly Seaport market ◆ Some vendors going, some staying



The Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market is set to open on Saturday but construction crews are still hard at work finishing off the environmentally friendly building at Pier 20.

"I think it looks great, it's just not finished," said Sarah Schwarz, who owns Creperie Mobile.

She didn't have to decide to stay at the old Brewery Market or move: she'll have locations at both markets.

"For us, it's never been a question because we need



the old location with the kitchen and the new place is just exciting."

She knows many cus-

tomers who are anxiously awaiting the new market.

"I know for lots of people the old market is too crowded with no space to stand and chat," she said.

"Some customers are not that excited because they love the old market."

It was an easy decision for flower seller Liz Horling: she'll have an overhang outside at the new market.

"It's time for a little change."

She said there are no hard feelings between vendors who are staying and those who are leaving.

"I think it's still pretty relaxed."



60-70 The estinumber of vendors who are staying in the Brewery Market.

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Heavy rains prompt closure of beaches

Black Rock and Dingle beaches are closed yet again.

Heavy rains on Wednesday means the harbour beaches are closed, possibly for three days. The rain can cause an overflow of screened wastewater into the harbour.

Kinsman Beach on First Lake in Sackville is also closed temporarily because of high bacteria counts discovered after a recent test.

Lifeguards will remain at the beach to warn swimmers away.

Call the Beach Line at 490-5458 or check out Halifax.ca/recreation/bea ches.html for current information.@ METRO HALIFAX

Rail subsidy will be smaller, says minister

Nova Scotia's economic development minister says if there is a new subsidy for the Cape Breton and Central Railway it will be smaller and last for a shorter time than the last deal.

Percy Paris said Thursday the cabinet hasn't made a decision on reaching a deal with Rail America Inc., and he's awaiting staff recommendations.

The U.S.-owned railway had a five-year, \$10-million deal signed with the previous Conservative government, which expired on March 31.

Off track

Rail line is crucial, say officials.

Business Local business officials in Cape Breton have said the rail line is crucial to existing industry, and Rail America has said it can't continue to serve the island without a subsidy.

Paris said the total amount of the subsidy would be smaller and would last 18 to 24 months, if a deal is approved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Infant death trial dates finalized

◆ Trial expected to go two weeks ◆ Man charged with aggravated assault, manslaughter in daughter's death



Trial dates for the man facing a charge of manslaughter and aggravated assault in the death of his infant daughter have been finalized

Ashiqur Rahman appeared at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday to confirm dates for what is expected to be a two-week trial.

A trial date starting on

Rahman's daughter was seven weeks old at the time of her death.

Feb. 14 has been agreed upon with the case being tried by judge alone. Rahman, 24, has been

Rahman, 24, has been in prison since he was arrested on July 24, 2009 and charged with aggravated assault after police responded to a call that his seven-week-old daughter, Aurora Breakthrough, was seriously injured. Aurora died in hospital three days later.

Rahman's common-law partner, 23-year-old Jane Gomes, was also facing charges of manslaughter stemming from Aurora's death, but pleaded guilty in April to the less serious charge of failing to provide the necessities of life. She received six months probation.

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No arrests in grow-op discovery, says RCMP

There have been no arrests after police uncovered an indoor marijuana growoperation at a residence in Lake Echo on Thursday.

Halifax RCMP say they executed a search warrant at a singledwelling in a subdivision and seized about 200 mature marijuana plants and a large amount of dried marijuana bud.

dried marijuana bud. High voltage light bulbs, fans and other grow operation equipment was also seized.

Police spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said it looks like multiple grow-ops have taken place inside the residence, which was empty when police arrived

Taplin said it doesn't appear anyone was living there.

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Parrsboro teen dies after crash

A Parrsboro area teen is dead following a carpedestrian collision early Thursday near Maccan.

The collision occurred just before 5 a.m. on Highway 302 near a stretch of highway known as the Stony Half Mile.

Const. Dal Hutchinson said the vehicle involved was travelling south on the highway at the bottom of a hill when it struck the victim. AMHERST DAILY NEWS

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Premiers call on help from private sector

• Long-form census on the table as provincial heads discuss how to move on from federal stimulus spending at annual meeting in Winnipeg

Canada's premiers say the private sector needs to step up when the federal government snaps shut its pocketbook on stimulus spending, but the leaders are all over the map on how Ottawa should wind things down.

A \$47-billion package to boost the economy was introduced in January 2009, but the federal cash register is to close March 31. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty suggested Thursday it's time for others to take over.

"It's not the job of the government to act as a permanent driver of economic growth," McGuinty said at the annual pre-miers' meeting in Win-

nipeg.
"Think of this year as the hand-off year. We're going to run as quickly and hard as we can in this relay race and on March 31, 2011, we're going to give the baton to the pri-

"We want to see a plan that sustains the economic recovery for Canada's benefit and for each of our individual province's benefit, and that can take a number of different kinds of forms."

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vate sector."

But McGuinty added that it would be wrong to say that projects partly completed can't be finished because of the March deadline.

"You're not going to put up the walls and then say, 'Sorry, folks, we've run out of time so you're on your own when it comes to putting in the roof.' I think that would be a mistake.



British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell suggested that companies and businesses may need some encouragement.

"Governments have done a lot to stimulate the economy. Now it's time for the private sector to step up and governments to try and take down unnecessary burdens ... and barriers for the private sector to invest," he said.

Shawn Graham of New Brunswick has a different take - he wants the federal government to keep providing stimulus mon-ey to help Canada weather the recession.

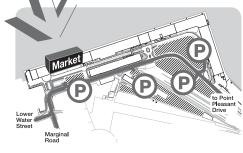
Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter partially agreed. He said he's not necessarily looking for another ad hoc stimulus package, but he'd like to see something from Ottawa. He said that could include a national infrastructure program or education and training investments.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has said he's not in favour of more stimulus spending be-cause governments need to control costs so that their budgets don't go out of control and deficits don't balloon. But he's looking for a better infrastructure strategy.

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Oilsands ad draws fire from critics

Alberta is trying to bolster support for the oilsands with a colourful ad in a newspaper in Winnipeg where Canada's premiers are holding their annual meeting.

But environmentalists say the ad with its brightgreen background is a clear ploy to push back at oilsands critics, including other provinces.

Dale Marshall with the David Suzuki Foundation says the ad doesn't bode well for what will happen at the meeting when environmental issues are discussed.

Marshall says environmentalists, who are also meeting in Winnipeg, want more collaboration between provinces in tackling greenhouse gas emissions.

Marlo Raynolds, executive director of the Pembina Institute, an

Alberta-based environmental think-tank, said provincial economic growth doesn't have to mean more pollution.

Emissions from oilsands development are projected to triple by 2020, the think-tank said. That will continue the trend of Alberta leading the nation in pollution growth, Raynolds said.

The Alberta government's strategy of mounting public relations offensives to support the oilsands doesn't address its lack of action to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions, despite its claims in the ad, Raynolds said.

"The problem can be solved by some good, new policy and legislation and ensuring that we clean up the development of the oilsands." he said.

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Stelmach's focus



Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach has said that he wants to reinforce the national importance of the oilsands at the meeting.

 Stelmach said he wants to make sure other premiers understand that the oilsands contribute to Canada's economy, create jobs and provide a secure energy source for North America.

BP done pumping cement into well

BP finished pumping fresh cement into its blown-out oil well Thursday as it aimed to seal for good the ruptured pipe that for months spewed crude into the Gulf of Mexico in one of the world's worst spills.

A day before, crews forced a slow torrent of heavy mud down the broken wellhead from ships a mile above to push the crude back to its underground source. The cement was the next step in this so-called "static kill" and is intended to keep the oil from finding its way back out.

"This is not the end, but it will virtually assure us that there will be no chance of oil leaking into the environment," retired Adm. Thad Allen, who oversees the spill response for the government, said in Washington.

The progress was another bright spot as the tide appeared to be turning in the months-long battle to contain the oil, with a federal report this week indicating that only about a quarter of the spilled crude remains in the Gulf and is degrading quickly.

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Cinematic blessing born of tragedy

A grieving Palestinian father's decision to donate his 12-year-old son's organs to Jewish and Arab children has brought an unexpected blessing to this former militant stronghold — a new state-of-the-art cinema.

Five years after Ismail Khatib's son Ahmed was shot dead by Israeli soldiers who mistook his toy gun for a real weapon, a movie theatre opened in Jenin on Thursday, a project conceived by a German filmmaker who made a documentary about the Khatibs.

During work on Heart of Jenin, the story of the \$650K

The amount of funding provided to refurbish the cinema, most from the German and Palestinian governments and Pink Floyd co-founder Roger Waters.

donation of Ahmed's organs, filmmaker Marcus Vetter spotted the local movie house, closed in the late 1980s, and decided to refurbish it.

Two years later, Cinema Jenin is back, bigger and better. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Harper focused on economy, not an election

Polls show Tories have slipped into tie with Liberals
 PM says economy will be the focus in months ahead

Stephen Harper is talking up the economy and playing down an election.

New polls suggest the recent Tory lead in the polls has evaporated and the government has fallen below 30 per cent popularity.

The prime minister told a summer caucus of Conservative MPs and senators Thursday that the economy will be the government's top priority in the months ahead.

In a brief speech before going behind closed doors, Harper said the economy is recovering and "Canadian solutions are leading the way globalty"

But he added the situation remains fragile.

Harper showed no appetite for a fall election, saying Canadians want him to concentrate on the challenges facing the country.



"We know there are some in the opposition coalition again threatening an election.

ing an election.

"But, colleagues, that is not what Canadians want," he said to applause.

"Canadians want us to continue to focus on governing and especially, colleagues, they want us to focus on the economy." There had been wide speculation in July that Harper, enjoying a big lead in the polls, might call an fall election.

But new polls suggest the Tory lead has evaporated and the government has fallen below 30 per cent popularity and into a statistical tie with the Liberals.

Harper told his caucus the government has accomplished many things since Parliament adjourned in June, including moving ahead with anticrime measures and the Economic Action Plan.

He also cited the G8 and G20 summits, the Queen's visit, and visits by the leaders of China and India.

The prime minister heads out next week on a cross-country summer tour expected to focus on the economy.

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Hiroshima marks grim anniversary

Friday marks the 65th anniversary of the world's worst atomic bomb attack in Hiroshima, Japan. The U.S. will send its ambassador, a possible sign that President Barack Obama may also visit, unprecedented for a sitting U.S. leader.

Soldiers hurt in 'hard landing' of chopper

Eight soldiers suffered minor injuries Thursday after a Canadian Chinook helicopter was forced to make a hard landing and burst into flames near a remote village southwest of Kandahar city.

There were five crew

There were five crew members and 15 passengers on board the Chinook CH147 that landed near the village of Armarah, about 20 kilometres away from Afghanistan's secondlargest city.

The five crew members included two pilots and three door gunners.

"Eight people were injured in the hard landing but they were minor injuries, fortunately," said Maj. Daryl Morrell, senior public affairs officer for Task Force Kandahar.

The Taliban took immediate responsibility. Taliban spokesman Qari

► A Canadian Chinook helicopter

Yousef Ahmadi claimed in-

surgents shot down the aircraft with a rocket.

Morrell refused to give credence to the Taliban claims, saying investigators need to look at what caused the landing and damage to the aircraft.

It's likely the investigation will take days to complete.

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Chinooks

The six aging CH-47D Chinooks, purchased from the United States with a price tag of \$292 million a couple of years ago, have done yeoman's service since they began flying in Afghanistan early last year.





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New poll suggests crime not an issue

◆ Crime a top Tory priority despite stats showing offences have been declining for two decades

The Harper government is pressing ahead with its multibillion-dollar tough-on-crime agenda despite internal polling that suggests most Canadians don't see crime as a big issue.

When asked in January which issue the government should focus on most, only one per cent of people answered crime. The top answers were the economy and the recession, jobs and health care.

The poll was published recently in the government's public repository of the opinion research surveys it conducts.

Even helping earthquake-ravaged Haiti ranked higher than dealing with crime, garnering four per cent of support among those polled.

"The economy and jobs are urgent issues," the survey found. "Health and the environment are important, long-term issues where there is little consensus on direction and governments' role is uncertain."

The telephone survey of 1,500 people was conducted by the Finance Department as it prepared to release the federal budget. The margin of error was plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

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Rescue personnel work at the scene of an accident involving two school buses and a tractor-trailer Thursday.

Two dead after pileup

Two buses carrying high school band students to an amusement park Thursday on eastbound Interstate 44 near Gray Summit, Mo., slammed into a freeway wreck that happened right in front of them, crushing a pickup truck and killing its driver and one of the students. Dozens of other students were treated for injuries.

Accident

- Cody LeCompte's mother and uncle, Gary Parmenter, were passengers in the car, along with Parmenter's Cuban fiancee.
- Parmenter's fiancee was severely injured and needed an operation to remove part of her liver. She has since fully recovered.
- The driver of the truck was not injured.

One step closer to leaving Cuba

The uncle of an Ontario man stuck in Cuba following a car accident says a police order blocking his nephew's departure has been lifted.

It's the latest development that brings Cody LeCompte one step closer to returning home.

le truck was A block on the Simcoe, Ont., man's passport was lifted Wednesday after the 19-year-old signed an agreement to return to Cuba if there is a trial.

LeCompte's uncle, Gary Parmenter, says consular officials told them on Thursday that the "hold departure order" has now been lifted by local police.

LeCompte hopes to board a flight home on Friday.

LeCompte's struggle with Cuban law began in

late April when the rental car he was driving was sideswiped by a pickup truck and some of his passengers were injured.

The family tried to catch a flight home a few days after the accident, but LeCompte was told that he could not leave the country because accidents resulting in death or injury are treated as crimes. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Tories toss wider net on lobbyists

▶ Rules follow case of ex-Tory caucus chair Rahim Jaffer, who allegedly tried to access federal green fund

The Harper government is casting a wider net over lobbying activities on Parliament Hill that will now cover backbenchers and political staff.

Regulations restricting former cabinet ministers and their staffs from pitching the government for corporate and personal interests will now apply to all MPs and senators, as well as staff in the Opposition leader's office, Treasury Board President Stockwell Day said on

"We want to make sure ... that under certain provisions people should know it should be open and transparent who is doing lobbying classified as an official lobbyist."

TREASURY BOARD PRESIDENT STOCKWELL DAY

Thursday.

The Lobbying Act imposes a five-year coolingoff period on former politicians and requires existing lobbyists to register if they have contact with the government.

Day called it a step to-

ward greater transparency and suggested it should have opposition support because MPs passed a motion last spring that recommended a wider definition of lobbying under the law.

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Medvedev, Zuma meet

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev hosted South African President Jacob Zuma in the Kremlin on Thursday, as the two nations look to bolster nascent trade ties. The two leaders were expected to discuss the political situation in other African nations in their first official meeting.

Air Canada fixes boy's wheelchair after online campaign

A B.C. boy confined to a New York hotel bed after his customized wheelchair was dismantled while travelling with Air Canada had it repaired and returned Thursday following a Twitter campaign.

Tanner Bawn, 10, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and is completely dependant on his wheelchair to move around.

He was heading from Toronto to New York for a charity run planned Friday in Central Park to raise \$15,000 Tanner's custom wheelchair cost \$15,000, his aunt says.

money for the boy.

His family left Toronto on Wednesday for the trip, which Bawn has dubbed one of his final wishes as he struggles with the deadly disease. When the group arrived at New York's La-Guardia Airport they discovered the wheelchair had been dismantled, seemingly beyond repair.

Connors immediately took to Twitter, first asking people for Air Canada phone numbers, and then explaining what happened. The campaign created a flurry of reaction.

By Thursday afternoon the family had the chair back. The CANADIAN PRESS

Infidelity in the IT age

Dread of the unknown hung in the air as Lynn France typed two words into the search box on Facebook: The name of the woman with whom she believed her husband was having an affair. Click.

There it was, the stuff of nightmares for any spouse. Wedding photos at Walt Disney World, her husband dressed as Prince Charming, his new wife, a glowing Sleeping Beauty.

"I was numb with shock," says France, an occupational therapist from Westlake, Cleveland. "There was an album of 200 pictures on there."

Affairs were once shadowy matters, illicit encounters often difficult to prove.

"These But things are the lage of just a trail Facebook and Twitter ... that are and ning-fast easily tracked by communication, the good notion divorce privacy is lawyers." fast becoming obso-PARRY AFTAB, INTERNET SAFETY lete

EXPERT tatious text messages to incriminating emails, marital indiscretions are much easier to track, especially if potentially damaging photo evidence is posted online.

"All of these things are

"All of these things are just a trail of cyber bread-crumbs that are easily tracked by good divorce lawyers," says Parry Aftab, an expert on Internet safety and privacy laws.

Aftab, a lawyer who runs the online protection site WiredSafety.org, says the lesson to be learned from the Frances' case is that no form of communication is sacred anymore. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

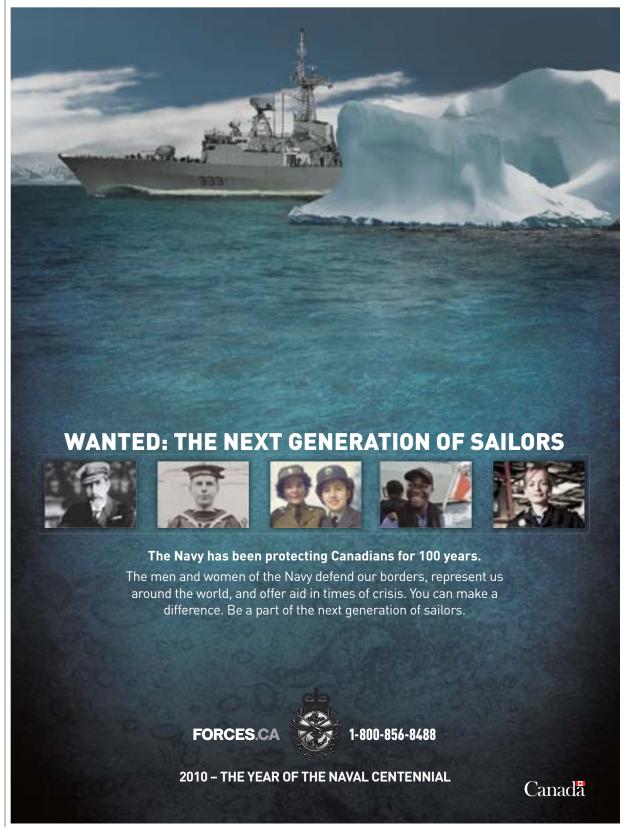
U.S. kids in foster care

A New Jersey couple who gave their children Naziinspired names should not regain custody of them, a state appeals court ruled Thursday, citing the risk of serious injury to their children.

A month earlier, the family drew attention when a supermarket refused to decorate a birthday cake for their son, Adolf Hitler Campbell. He and siblings Joycelynn Aryan Nation Campbell and Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell have been in foster care.

◆ Ohio mother of two discovers husband's secret second wedding on other woman's Facebook page ◆ In age of social networking, marital indiscretions are much easier to track ◆ Privacy fast becoming obsolete





News in brief



U.S. moves on BlackBerry

NEW YORK. The United States will hold technical talks with the United Arab Emirates and other countries about their plans to ban email services on the Canadian-made BlackBerry, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday, CBC News Online reports.

Indonesia says it is considering following the lead of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in banning BlackBerry services.

India is also pressuring the company for more access, but isn't explicitly threatening a shutdown.

Mexicana puts tickets on hold

MEXICO CITY. Mexico's largest air carrier has indefinitely suspended ticket sales but says it will continue operating flights for travellers who already bought tickets.

Mexicana filed for bankruptcy protection in Mexico and the United States on Monday seeking to restructure and assure the viability of the company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bell goes Solo in phone war

MONTREAL. Bell Canada will relaunch its Solo brand as an unlimited talk and text service this month to compete with Rogers' new discount brand Chatr.

"It will be competitive with Chatr," BCE chief executive George Cope said, after Canada's largest telecom company reported its second-quarter profit rose 70.5 per cent to \$590 million.

Get real – parity's a loonie illusion

▶ Reality check: Against all major currencies, our dollar is flying well under the radar ◆ Maybe it's just a little too close to the greenback

The Canadian dollar is taking yet another run at parity, but this time reaching that benchmark would not be much of a victory.

Analysts note that the current manifestation of a muscular loonie is more illusion than reality.

The currency has been generally on a winning streak relative to the U.S. dollar since it traded as low as 93.65 cents US a month ago, backed by rising commodity prices.

It has been on the move again this week, gaining more than a quarter of a cent to 98.57 cents US in late-morning trades, after rising more than a cent the previous two days.

Analysts caution that that's against the U.S. dollar — against all major currencies, the loonie is flying



well under the radar.

Royal Bank currency strategist David Watt says the Canadian dollar has been the worst performing of the world's major currencies since mid-June, with the exception of the greenback.

Watt says while the

loonie is doing well against the U.S. dollar, the euro and the currencies of Sweden, Britain, Switzerland, Japan, Australia and New Zealand are doing much better — a difference ranging between 5 and 7 per cent.

The reason, he says, is



that as the U.S. economy has shown signs of slowing, the loonie has suffered from close association

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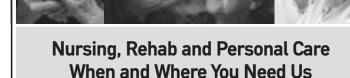


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"If politicians

prefer giving our

tax dollars to big

business ... they

should bite the

bullet and do so

openly and honestly."

ach passing day reminds me iust how much the government takes us for idiots — by playing with words. Take the case of corporate welfare. In a recent press release, the

government said it was granting a "non-repayable loan" to a multinational. Translation: They "lent" millions of your tax dollars to IBM or Warner Brothers, but those companies have no obligation to reimburse you.

Only problem: It's not true. What do you expect? If politicians told you they take your money to give to millionaires, they would have a hard time getting

re-elected. But it gets worse.

A study by the Frontier Centre reveals that even the money (your money) they

give to multinationals in loans that are "repayable" ... still doesn't get paid back! Since 1982, Industry Canada has loaned

more than \$18 billion of your tax dollars to hundreds of companies — the equivalent of 360,000 years of hard labour at \$50,000 per year. Many of these companies are multinationals that pay their CEOs millions of dollars. They're usually well connected politically, or located in counties where the government wants to buy votes. Bah! Who cares, you say. These

are loans. The money will come back even-tually, right? Wrong. In 28 years, Canadian companies have

paid back only \$1.9 billion of the \$18 billion loaned out — 10 per cent of the to-tal. These loans are often granted without interest. Collectively, we sacri-

fice millions of dollars we could earn by investing that money elsewhere.

Even worse: Since our government is drowning in debt, it must borrow from the markets — at interest — to find the money. The total bill for taxpayers ends up much higher than the \$18-billion "loan."

Meanwhile, each day brings another misleading press release. On March 31, 2009, Industry Canada announced a "repayable investment" of \$250 million to CAE, a provider of flight simulators.

But when you dig a little, you discover that this gift is repayable ... "conditionally." If CAE sells enough simulators, the company will reimburse us. Otherwise, kiss that money goodbye.

We can argue about the effectiveness of corporate subsidies. But if politicians prefer giving our tax dollars to big business instead of improving health care or lowering taxes, they should bite the bullet and do so openly and honestly



Global power shifting

China is set to overtake Japan as the world's second-largest economy in a resurgence that is changing everything from the global balance of military and financial power to how cars are designed.





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MINUTES WITH: KEVIN COSTNER

We know what Kevin
Costner can do behind the
camera. This weekend, we'll
find out what he can do on
stage, too. The Hollywood
movie star is bringing his
band Kevin Costner & Modern West to the Halifax Common for Country Rockfest
Saturday night. Costner
spoke to Metro about his
band this week — and life as
a music star.

Are you enjoying life on the road as a musician?
I don't enjoy life on the road. I really enjoy performing, but part of the job is not just singing — part of the job is being on the road ... the small

planes, the connecting flights, the layovers, no, I don't like that. I don't know that anybody would — I guess if you were single, you might think that was fun. But I have a lot of strings attached to me that I have to get back home to.

As far as balancing your time right now, is it more music than movies or movies than music?

It's more music right now. What I find myself doing is writing a lot of movies. I have about four or five movies now that I could direct, so I've been doing that. I've been developing a cartoon that I hope will

hit the light of day. I manage to do a lot of different things and enjoy doing all of them.

How would you describe your sound and has it evolved?

For me it isn't just country — it's more rock 'n' roll with the way we've grown up with our urban roots.

Who were your musical influences growing up?

They were really across the board. The first music I was introduced to was Motown. But in the 1960s, I loved the Four Seasons, I loved the Beatles, I loved the Doors, I loved Cream. I loved the singer-songwriters — Carol King and James Taylor.

What is tougher? Performing on stage in front of crowd or behind the camera for a movie?

You can compare them but I don't know which is tougher. I can tell you that you can be brutalized when you play live. That's why you see a lot of musicians who are able to go into acting — because they can do eight takes and no one is going to see the bad seven takes. That doesn't happen on stage.

• PHILIP CROUCHER



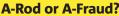
This is your sport on drugs

Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. It's a sad disgrace that drug abusers like A-Roid (Alex Rodriguez), Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, etc., are routinely mentioned alongside legends like Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, who achieved what they did without the use of performance-enhancing chemicals.

If there were any justice in this world, the steroid boys would have their records expunged and serve some time in jail.

Unfortunately, our society quietly condones the use of dope because of the billions of dollars to be





made from its sale that finds its way through the corridors of power.

We asked: Lady Gaga: Hot or not?

EDMONTON. @schultzam: you kidding me? No, lady gaga is beautiful inside, underneath all of the ugly dramatic costumes and

makeup man ...

We asked: What book would you like to see made into a movie.

TORONTO. Marc H. Stevens' book Escape, Evasion And Revenge: The True Story Of A German Jewish RAF Pilot Who Bombed Berlin And Became A POW. JANIS GOODMAN

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Metro Minute at Summer Rush 2010

What is becoming an annual summertime concert tradition is returning Saturday at Alderney Landing on the Dartmouth water-front. Canadian rockers Hedley are headlining Summer Rush 2010, which includes 10 acts in total. Also taking the stage are Jay Sean, LMFAO, Stereos, Down With Webster, Kardinal Offishall, Ricky J, Gir-

licious, Faber Drive and Lil Jon. Doors open at 3 p.m., with the first act hitting the stage at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$37 in advance and \$44 at the door, plus taxes and service charges. Tickets can be purchased in advance through ticket-pro.ca. No coolers, chairs or umbrellas are allowed for the show.

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Veronica McGregor

HALIFAX

I think for the size of Halifax we could do with less councillors.



Eat, pray and fall in love with Julia

• Glee creator opens up about adapting bestseller into a film starring Julia Roberts © Eat Pray Love director contemplates if movie will cause breakups



Ryan Murphy has been having quite a year. First, his latest TV creation, Glee, has become a runaway success, spawning soundtrack albums, a tour and 19 Emmy nominations. And now he's bringing his second feature film to theatres, an adaptation of the bestselling book Eat, Pray, Love, starring Julia Roberts.

Metro caught up with Murphy in Napa Valley to discuss his working with Roberts, his connection to the book and how he feels about causing breakups.

You and Julia have a great rapport. How did that relationship develop?

You know, from the moment we met, it was kind of like we just riffed. She makes me laugh and I can make her laugh. I've never had that with another actor like I've had that with her. And also, I went into the

process being a big fan.

I was the first in line to see Sleeping with the Enemy. So I think that she felt, rightly so, that I loved her and would protect her and was invested in her being a success. She's sort of like the sister I always wanted, but never had. I have one brother. I always wanted a sister, and lo and behold, I got Iulia Roberts. Not a bad

Are you worried the movie is going to break up a lot of couples?

Well, there's two women in my life who got divorced because of the book. I think that the power of the book, and I hope the movie, is that it says to people - particularly, I think, women and gay men - 'if you're not happy, change.'

Be brave enough to walk away from what other people tell you you should be. I hope that it doesn't cause



"I bet after this movie I'm going to get, 'Eat Pray Love made me get a divorce.' And then I'll have to call them up and send them to therapy." DIRECTOR RYAN MURPHY

divorces so much as that it launches a discussion of, 'OK, why do you feel you're stuck?' Because, you know, not everybody can take a year off of their life and travel all the way around the world and find themselves. And I don't think you need to do that to find

yourself. I think you can find yourself by maybe reading the book or seeing the movie and just asking yourself the question, 'Am I happy? If I'm not, how can I become more happy?' think most people don't do

Did you have a personal relationship to the book before filming?

Oh my God, yeah. I think things come to you for a reason. I went through a bad breakup, and literally, I walked into a bookstore and it was literally being unpacked. I read it as a fan, I really deeply related to it, I felt in my life I wanted to learn those things, and I did. And when I did that is when my world opened up. I've had such a great six months.

For trailers, nhotos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/ movies

Shop for vour soul

Eat, pray, love, shop? There are plenty of opportunities to plumb the depths of your pocketbook, if not your soul, when the anticipated adaptation of the bestselling memoir hits theatres next week.

Soon, stores will be flooded with all things Eat Pray Love.

Look for candles and moisturizing creams; jewelry, book marks and tote bags; a dedicated shop at Cost Plus World Markets featuring furniture, food and clothing inspired by the film; a branded digital reader pre-loaded with the book; a Republic of Tea blend: a line of designer clothing by Sue Wong; and a weekend special on HSN filled with products pegged to the movie.

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In brief



There won't be an encore for **Sean Penn and Robin Wright's** marriage — court records show the couple are officially divorced. A judgment ending their 14-year marriage was entered July 22 in Marin County, which is in the Bay Area.





GOOD, BAD AND UGLY OF DANCE

people would consistently pay money to see actors Feather Step and Dos-

There was a time when y-dos on screen.

or most of the twentieth century dance movies were a Hollywood staple, making stars out of hoofers Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and seeing half the Best Picture Oscars from the years 1958 to 1968 going to movies with smooth

dance moves.

Some dance movies from the classic age are memorable — Singin' in the Rain has a rare 100 per cent positive rating on RottenTomatoes. Others not so much. Remember Yolanda and the Thief? Me neither. But generally audiences were enthralled by Astaire's graceful moves or Kelly's athletic style. Producers of this weekend's Step Up 3D are hoping for a throw back to those heady days and that audiences will be lured to the theatre by their film's mix of dance and eye popping 3-D.

Dance on film died out

during the late 1960s as movies with social messages and hard hitting dramas took center stage but one actor single handedly brought back hip swiveling to the big screen. John Tavolta's performances in Saturday Night Fever and Grease opened the flood gates for dozens of high stepping films in the 1970s. Here's a list of the good, the bad and the ugly of '70s and '80s dance

The Good

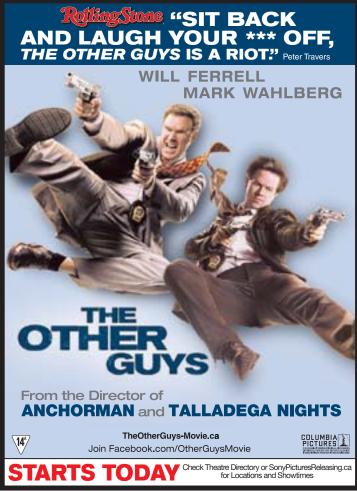
Loosely based on the life of screenwriter Dean Pitch-ford Footloose is the story of a spunky Chicago teen (Kevin Bacon) who moves to a small town where dancing and rock music have been outlawed. John Travolta, Tom Cruise and Rob Lowe were all offered

the lead role, but Bacon sizzles as Ren McCormack, the rebellious boy who teaches the town to kick up their heels to the tune of Let's Hear it For the Boy. (Honourable Mention: Pee-Wee's Big Adventure. Not a dance movie but Pee-wee's (Paul Ruebens) Peewee Dance to the song Tequila is a classic.)

The Bad

Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo isn't remembered as a great movie (it isn't) or for Ice-T's performance, no, it is best remembered as the facetious name given to any unnecessary sequel. For example, Tron 2: Electric Boogaloo or perhaps Titanic 2: Electric Boogaloo.

The Ugly Newsweek called 1980's spirited but ridiculous attempt to cash in on the disco craze Can't Stop the Music, "the first all-singing, all-dancing horror film; the Dawn of the Dead of the disco era.'







Movie reviews

Worth watching

The laugh police

The Other Guys Genre: Action/Comedy Director: Adam McKay Stars: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg ____

Just when you thought buddy cop movies were as outmoded as Tetris and neon scrunchies, The Other Guys comes along and resuscitates a once dead genre (no thanks to you, Cop Out).

Not since the days of Beverly Hills Cop and Lethal Weapon has there been such a seamless melding of action and comedy playing out over a ping pong match of tal-ented leading actors, in this case Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg.

You know those hardcore, kick butt cops who always get their man? Well, Wahlberg and Ferrell are the other guys, two NYPD detectives strapped to their desks, living in the shadow of a duo of super cops (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Samuel L.



Jackson, both in a shining hour). But when they finally get the opportunity to step up to the plate, they find themselves in way over their heads.

Uproariously funny yet stealthily topical, the film, written and directed by Adam McKay (Anchorman, Talladega Nights, Step Brothers), features a superb supporting cast, including Michael Keaton, Bobby Cannavale, Rob Riggle and Steve Coogan, but it's really Wahlberg and Ferrell's

time to shine as they pay homage to greats like Martin and Lewis and Murtaugh and Riggs. Here's hoping they'll continue the grand tradition with multiple sequels as well

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Step Up 3D Genre: Dance/Musical Director: Jon Chu Stars: Adam Sevani, Rick Malambri

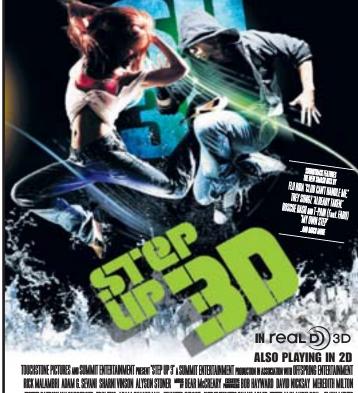
It was only a matter of time before the resurgence in popularity of 3-D led to pun-filled sequel titles in the grand

tradition of Jaws 3-D. But the folks behind the dance-happy Step Up film series can't really be faulted, since they're just sticking to what they do — the last one was called Step Up 2 the Streets, after all.

Loosely tying itself to the last movie, Step Up 3D opens with comic-relief sidekick Moose (Adam Sevani) getting

oriented at New York University, promising his mom (a curiously uncredited Kathy Najimy) that he's given up dancing for his studies.

That promise lasts all of a minute, naturally, as he stumbles into a commune of shiny, happy dancers living in the kind of tricked-out warehouse space poor artists only live in in movies like this. They're led by an earnest and unfathomably uncharismatic aspiring filmmaker (Rick Malambri). But of course the main event here is supposed to be the dancing — of which there is plenty — and the 3D — of which there is too much. • NED EHRBAR



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Lundgren fights back

Swedish actor teams with Sly Stallone again for The Expendables
Tough guy has no plans to retire



A quarter of a century since Dolph Lundgren met Sylvester Stallone in Rocky IV, the Swedish action star is finally dueling Sly again in The Expendables and no one is more pleased than the man who played Ivan Drago.

"It's been 25 years since we last squared off and it was a lot of fun," said Lundgren. "(Stallone) writes in a very old-school way in which all the characters are very colourful and very funny ... so it was really one of those projects that you can't turn down."

Adding motive to the offer, Stallone had cast everyone from Jet Li to Bruce Willis in the film. If combining action stars for an old-school knuckleduster was the brainstorm of Stallone, he might have to thank the rising popularity of mixed martial arts.

"A lot of young kids, they grew up on greenscreen wire movies but they've seen MMA (mixed martial arts) and they know what one punch does to a guy's face," said



"I was hated in Sweden for many years for going to America and making bad action movies but then they kind of came around."

LUNDGREN ON BEING ASKED TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE IN SWEDEN

Lundgren of the rebirth of hardcore action. "It was refreshing not to have green screens and wires and tons of stunt teams but you're actually doing your own stunts ... the au-



dience gets to see their action star do it for real, which I think is how it all got started and, in my opinion, the way it should

While The Expendables will mark Lundgren's 25th year shooting exhausting thrillers, the Swede insisted he has no plans on retiring from action movies.

"You know it's going to be over one day," said Visa payWave

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Lundgren. "I look at guys like Clint Eastwood who last year grabbed a shot-

The Memories

25 years of Action: Lundgren's Three Most Memorable Roles.

Rocky IV — As Russian nemesis Ivan Drago, Lundgren had Rocky shaking in his boots and everyone saying "I must break you!"

gun and beat a few people up (in Gran Torino) so I

- Masters of the Universe Who else could've played He-Man in this 1987 adaptation of the popular toy franchise?
- Universal Soldier Lundgren co-starred with Jean-Claude Van Damme in this 1992 thriller that has spurned sequels including a forthcoming version.

suppose I have a few years left I hope."



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Veteran Hong Kong director heeds call of mainland China

• Cantonese action filmmaker Johnnie To looking to tap potential of youth market with new romance

With Hong Kong directors and actors flocking to make kung fu and historical epics proliferating in mainland China, Johnnie To's edgy Cantonese action thrillers have long been regarded as the last bastion of local cinema

But even he must tap the vast potential of the mainland movie market to survive, the veteran filmmaker acknowledged Thursday.

To told mainland reporters on a Hong Kong set of the new romance he is directing, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, that it is an attempt to pioneer a new genre in China.

"We want to make a love story that young people will watch," To said in a rare interview in the national dialect Mandarin — instead of the southern Cantonese dialect he is more comfortable with.

"This might be a new route. Not every movie has to be a period kung fu production. There are too many of these films recently. I think it's time for a change. Not all movies have to be big productions," said To.

Asked why he cast China's Gao Yuanyuan — and not a Hong Kong actress — alongside Hong Kong industry heartthrobs Daniel

Wu and Louis Koo, To responded with a laugh, "You should know why. And you still ask me?

"You can't talk about a distinction between Hong Kong and the mainland these days. Given the way things are evolving now — we are all part of China,"

While Hong Kong was once the centre of the Chinese-language industry — producing stars like Jackie Chan, Jet Li and Chow Yunfat — the balance of power has shifted to the mainland in recent years as its rapid growth unleashed new capital and fresh audiences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C. film industry welcomes harmonized sales tax

The B.C. film industry is giving the thumbs up to the harmonized sales tax, saying it's saving producers money and helping preserve jobs.

helping preserve jobs.
Peter Leitch, chair of
the Motion Picture
Production Industry Association of B.C., says under the HST taxes will
generally fall seven per
cent for many businesses

involved in movie and TV production.

He says that will make the province more competitive and help attract more productions and jobs to B.C.

Leitch says the industry employs 20,000 people directly in B.C. and another 15,000 indirectly.

The industry associa-

tion says 239 movies were shot in B.C. last year, generating more than \$1.3 billion in production spending.

While the movie industry is backing the HST, B.C. restaurant operators released figures recently showing the tax is taking a big bite out of their business.

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Worthington hits Italy for a nice break

Sam Worthington was recently welcomed to Italy like he was a rock star ◆ Metro spoke with the Avatar star

After five years of hard work he has taken a break, but in November he'll be back to work for two forthcoming movies (Last Night and The Debt) plus a third based on a comic strip (The Last Days of American Crime).

Sam, everybody wants to know if you'll ever be in a sequel of Avatar.

A second and a third movies have been planned, but I'll be in only if they will add something special to the first one.

Did James Cameron's blockbuster change the

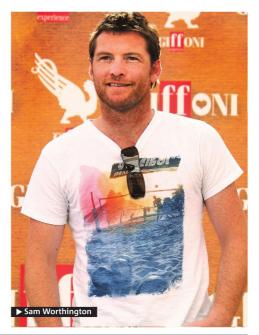
audience's approach to environmental issues? You should ask this question to yourselves. But one thing I know is that Cameron is really committed on these issues. We must provide the youngsters with positive messages because they will have the courage we lack to change things.

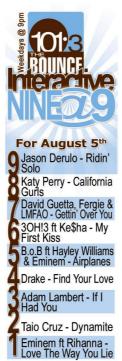
Some are calling you Leonardo Di Caprio's heir.

It's amazing that my name is mentioned so close to his, I think one day he'll be recognized as the best actor ever.

They didn't pick you to play James Bond. How did you take it?

Well, just look at me: That part wouldn't suit me. Metro world news





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Kanye Tweets

Kanye West has had verbal diarrheic outbursts before — hint: MTV Music Video Awards — but now you can read his unfiltered inner monologue all the time. West, who once said he'd never join Twitter, has joined the social networking site. Sample tweet from his enchanted life: "I specifically ordered persian rugs with cherub imagery!!! What do I have to do to get a simple persian rug with cherub imagery uuuuugh." His tweets are so ridiculous, he's even spawned a meme, #Kanye-NewYorkerTweets, which hilariously captions actual cartoons from the magazine with his words. twitter.com/kanyewest

A-Rod's 600th

Baseball

Alex Rodriguez is no



7th heaven

to the celebrity gossip pages since his move to New York — including a reported dalliance with Madonna and a ruined marriage — and he has instilled outrage in his fans after his admission to using performance enhancing drugs in the past. But will all be forgiven after he joined the exclusive 600 home run club this week against the Toronto Blue Jays? Only time tell.

Kick-Ass



DVD This controversial comic book movie garnered some good re-

views and some scathing remarks over its gratuitous violence and language — especially in the case of pre-teen Chloe Moretz as Hit-Girl. Is it funny? Is it too much? Would you pick up your own copy?

Metro pick Who will win the weekend?

Inception vs. The **Other Guvs**

Will Christopher Nolan's

Inception continue dominating the box office, or is the dream thriller's reign over? It looks like Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg are set to take over the top spot at the nation's

prepares to assault the ing campaign, a great action-comedy premise and solid reviews give this film the makings of a hit.

weekend. A terrific market-

theatres as The Other Guys

ready rushed to record stores vaulting it to No. 1 on HMV Canada's CD sales chart. Have you got your copy yet?

record," vet. Fans have al-

Sandra Bullock

Celeb

Sandra Bullock has been through a lot this year: An Academy Award for her role in The Blind Side followed by a long stint in the celebrity gossip media sphere due to a reportedly unfaithful husband, Jesse James. Despite all this, she still landed in the No. 1 spot on Forbes' list of top earning actresses, banking \$56 million between June 2009 and June 2010. Reese Witherspoon, Cameron Diaz and Jennifer Aniston almade the list



If so, you can, it came out on DVD and Blu-Ray this

Mega music hit

Love The Way You Lie

This collaboration be-tween the "abused" Ri-

hanna and "recovering" Eminem helped the troubled rapper's Recovery album sell like a bat out of hell upon its release on June 18 and it continues to top the charts — despite less than stellar reviews from music critics selling 741,000 copies in its first week in the U.S. alone. To our ears, Love The Way You Lie is one of the most powerful songs of the year with a message that smacks your senses like no other tune has for some time. The video stars Transformers Megan Fox and Lost star Dominic Monaghan as a warring couple, while Rihanna and Eminem sing

The Suburbs



Album Six vears after their smashing debut indepen-

dent Canadian rockers Arcade Fire proved this week that they still have it. Their latest album, The Suburbs, is "more subdued" according to the Metro review, but it's also most diverse 'their

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When: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m. Where: Scotia Speedworld One of the biggest races on the Atlantic car racing calendar sees drivers across the Maritimes and New England do battle for over \$50,000 in prize money. Qualifying goes on Friday, with the race on Saturday night.

Race

Parts Canada Superbike Championship

When: Friday through Sunday Where: Atlantic Motorsport Park, Shuben-

The final two races of the season go this weekend as the top superbike drivers take to the track. Practice and qualifying go on Friday, with feature races in all five classes set for Saturday and Sunday.

Tour

Teletoon Most Awesome Summer Tour

When: Friday through Sunday Where: Halifax Waterfront A must-see for kids, the event brings its programming to life with games to play and prizes to be won. Events include a karaoke contest, a life-size puzzle and the TELETOON Spin-To-Win Wheel.

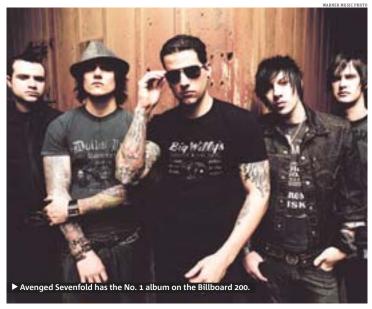
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f you work anywhere in the music industry, you watch the Billboard charts like your life depends on them.
That's because it does.
Since the 1950s, the Bill-

Since the 1950s, the Billboard charts are how the industry has kept score. The two most important charts are the Hot 100 (the top 100 singles) and the Billboard 200 (the top 200 albums). They gauge weekto-week popularity of songs and CDs. Songs/albums are ranked using data from retail sales (via SoundScan, their point-of-purchase data collection mechanism) and radio airplay (via precise monitoring through a service called BDS Radio). The



more a song/album sells or gets played on the radio, the higher its ranking. The higher a song/album's position, the more momentum it picks up, leading to more sales and more airplay — and more profits for the label/artist.

It's also a horse race for the public. If you've ever listened to Casey Kasem (or virtually any other radio countdown show) or just watched how your favourite album moved around the wall at your record store, you've seen how the charts work.

Make the charts and you're in the game. If your song/album goes up, you're winning. If it goes down, you're losing. Not make them at all and you're not a Big-Time Player. But change may be coming. The Ultimate Chart is the product of Big Champagne, a company that tracks file-trading activity on P2P sites. They noticed that what was being illegally traded online — i.e. what was popular — differed greatly from which songs and artists appeared on Billboard. "Why aren't we using that data in figuring out which songs are big and which aren't?"

Big Champagne then started monitoring plays on MySpace, YouTube and Facebook. They looked at songs played on TV and those sold as ringtones. And when everything was compiled, big discrepancies emerged between what Billboard reported and what Big Champagne contended was reality with music consumers.

Record labels and retailers love this kind of data. A migration from traditional Billboard charts to the Ultimate Chart would have enormous repercussions for music — even if 99 per cent of consumers would be oblivious.

It's another example of how the Internet is drastically changing everything about music.







n assault case

Leonardo DiCaprio is reportedly willing to take the stand against a woman on trial for assaulting him at a party five years ago, according

Aretha Wilson is accused of slashing Di-Caprio's face with a glass during a 2005 party in the Hollywood Hills. Last week, she was extradited from Canada and is being

held on \$150,000 bail. Di-Caprio is being "extreme-ly co-operative" with prosecutors, law enforcement sources tell the Website.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Lythgoe set for a return to Idol

A familiar face is coming back to American Idol, and it's not Paula Abdul or Simon Cowell.

Fox announced Thursday that British TV personality Nigel Lythgoe is returning to the singing competition in the producing role he left two years ago. Lythgoe originally served as Idol producer when it debuted in 2002. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Daughter's sex tape upsets Fishburne

Montana Fishburne hasn't had a chance to chat with her dad. Laurence Fishburne, about her decision to release a sex tape, according to E! News.

"I heard he's mad at me, but I haven't spoken to him yet," she says. "I feel pretty confident that I can work things out with them. I think he wants to support me in everything I do and

thought he sees this now as a negative, I believe in time he will view it as a pos-itive."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Goldberg made housewife cry

Michaele Salahi's dustup Whoopi Goldberg was Topic A when the alleged White House gatecrash-er and her fellow cast members from The Real Housewives D.C appeared on Thursday's Today show.

Then, an hour later on The View, Goldberg gave her own account in this case of

She-said, She-said. Co-hosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb immediately seized on the shouting match that had erupted after Wednesday's edition of The View between Salahi, a guest along with the other Housewives, and View co-host

Goldberg. Goldberg, who ▶ Whoopi Goldberg

was not among the interviewers for that segment, had stepped onto the set of the ABC talk show to urge Salahi to discuss the night she and her husband allegedly crashed President Barack Obama's state dinner last fall. As she spoke to her, Goldberg could be seen by viewers touching Salahi's arm.

After the show was over, Salahi said on "Today," Goldberg confronted her sharply, using obscene language and demanding to know if she had accused Goldberg of hitting her.

The encounter brought Salahi to tears.

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Celebrity tweets



Lily Allen [@lilyro-seallen] not quite front page worthy .. surreal



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[Atyrabanks] Don't u hate it when ur drink is too damn hot to sip but u want it NOW! BURNED TONGUE APPROACHING!





Seth Meyers [@SethMeyers21] Prop 8

was always my least favorite Prop. Favorite Prop: Joe. METRO WORLD NEWS

Perry says all stars Google themselves



Katy Perry admits living in the Internet age makes being a celebrity interesting, especially with sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"When you look at other celebrities' Twitter feeds and see them posting about something they read about themselves on a Google Alert, it's like, 'Uh, maybe you should stop

Googling yourself every day, the world does not spin around you," she complains to Rolling Stone. Of course, Perry admits that she herself isn't above keeping tabs on what's said about her on the web. "Any artist who says they don't Google their name is a big fat liar."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Talking points

Fox the new face of Armani

BEAUTY Who needs Transformers when you have Giorgio Armani.

Armani's new face of beauty is actress Megan Fox. She embodies the spirit of the women of today: free, confident and seductive, Armani said in a press release.

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B.C. farmers Darrel Timm and his sister Janice Rayndahl of Sezmu Meats in the Okanagan Valley give their cattle red wine to enhance flavour Started out as an experiment, the product has created a major buzz, turning the duo into the talk of the culinary world



Cow connoisseurs

Darrel Timm doesn't feed his cattle in the evening any more — their mooing kept him awake all night.

That's because their feed is laced with red wine — a litre a day each which has made for some

very happy cattle. B.C. farmers Timm and his sister Janice Ravndahl are also pretty happy with the enthusiastic response of chefs and specialty stores to their Sezmu Meats.

Riley Bennett, chef at Mission Hill Winery's Terrace Restaurant near Kelowna, B.C., says their \$24 short ribs and \$27 striploins are very popular with patrons, who exclaim over the dark red colour of the meat and its taste.

"The flavour is

"The flavour is out there, second to none... It tastes like real beef but more rich in the mouthful."

RILEY BENNETT. CHEF AT MISSION HILL WINERY'S TERRACE RESTAURANT

there, second to none," says Bennett. "It tastes like real beef but more rich in the mouthful.'

He is delighted to have the heavily marbled meat on his menu because it is a local success story which delights the diners.

They are blown away that it is raised only 50 miles from the winery. It's the talk of the town.'

Bennett, who is angling to have Mission Hill's red wines fed to the next crop of cattle, says the five-month experiment has shown him "it is one of those things that is going to be around a long time." After a number of trials,

they felt 90 days of wine drinking produced the greatest impact on meat flavour, says Ravndahl. After that, the cost of the wine starts making the price of the meat prohibitive. For example, a Sezmu Meats rib-eye sells for \$35 a kilogram. In the early days, they made their own wine to help defray costs but found it too time consuming.

Now they source the wine, a Cabernet blend, from a variety of wineries near their Kelowna farm.

The cows, who were "definitely very curious" about the wine at first exposure, soon became "excited" when they could smell it being brought to them.

"They'd see my brother come out of the house with the wine pitchers and they'd go right over to

The most noticeable behaviour change has been the constant mooing after being fed, she says, which resulted in the decision to serve the wine with breakfast instead of dinner.

Although she has since heard of wine-fed beef in Australia, Ravndahl believes she is the only farmer in North America to do the same.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Inspired by chef Ramsay

Inspired by chef Gordon Ramsay, who fed beer to his pigs, farmer Janice Ravndahl opted for wine being made right at her doorstep in the Okanagan Valley to enhance the meat of her Red Angus cattle.

She and brother Darrel Timm were only experimenting with a few animals when area chefs began calling. "I thought, people are

pretty excited and we haven't butchered our first cow," says Ravndahl, 36. "Maybe we are on to something here.'

The wine flavour is most noticeable in the fat-ty parts of the beef, which taste "apple-y."

They've named their operation Sezmu Farms, after the Egyptian god of wine, and have 100 of their 300head herd on the wine di-

life



Today's teens are etter informed bout food than lection of more an 50 recipes oth cool and so isticated — for ese young, bud Matthew ocricchio hits ores in Septem





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Sports in brief



Shannon Brown is returning to the Lakers.

Kevin Youkilis
done for the season with a torn
muscle in his
right thumb.

Karim Benzema returned to the France squad for next week's

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Potential top pick eyes world juniors

New Brunswick-raised Couturier could go No. 1 in 2011 → Focused on making national junior team

Sean Couturier's name has already been mentioned as a potential first overall pick in the 2011 NHL draft, but the 18-year-old centre doesn't want to think that far ahead just yet.

The American-born, Bathurst, N.B.-raised son of former Los Angeles Kings left-winger Sylvain Couturier is too busy trying to make Canada's team for the next world junior hockey championship in December in Buffalo, N.Y.

"It's pretty fun to be up there, but I try not to think about it." Couturier said Thursday on Day 2 of the Canadian junior team development camp at Mile One Centre in St. John's. "There's still a whole season to play."

Couturier and Saint John Sea Dogs defenceman Nathan Beaulieu are the only 18-year-old players in the 46-man camp who are eligible for the 2011 draft.

The only other undrafted player is Vancouver Giants defenceman Neil Manning, who was passed over by the 30 NHL clubs in June in Los Angeles.

Couturier won the Jean Beliveau Trophy as the scoring champion of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with the Drummondville Voltigeurs last season with 41 goals and 55 assists in 68 games.

Family ties

Hockey runs in Sean Couturier's family.

- Couturier was born in 1992 in Phoenix, Ariz., where his father was playing for the Roadrunners of the defunct IHL.
- Sylvain Couturier had played 33 NHL games for the Kings, but spent most of his career in the minors and in Europe.
- Sylvain retired after a season in the Quebec senior league in 2000-01 and is now general manager of the Acadie-Bathurst Titan.

The six-foot-three forward was also plus-62 and has drawn rave reviews for consistent two-way play that is sometimes compared to either of the NHL's Staal brothers, Carolina's Eric or Pittsburgh's Jordan — particularly for his ability to shut down opposing centres.

"It's important for me to play a good defensive game," he said. "That's where all my offence starts — getting the puck out and going on attack.

"You want to be that guy at the end of the game that you can count on defensively to shut down and not get scored on. You always want to be in those key moments."

THE CANADIAN PRES



Report that Armstrong knew of doping attacked

Lance Armstrong's lawyer has lashed out at a report that a former teammate of the seven-time Tour de France champion told investigators Armstrong knew of widespread performance-enhancing drug use on the U.S. Postal Service team.

Lawyer Bryan D. Daly said there are hundreds of former Armstrong teammates who would deny he broke the rules to win. "To the extent that any riders are suggesting that Lance Armstrong violated cycling rules or doped, they are either mistaken or not telling the truth."

The New York Times reported in Thursday's edition that a cyclist, who was identified only as a former Armstrong teammate, backed up claims by Floyd Landis that the Postal Service team engaged in systematic doping with Armstrong's knowledge and approval.

The unidentified cyclist told the newspaper he had spoken with federal investigators looking into cheating in pro cycling.

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Sports in brief



Woods off to rough start

GOLF. Tiger Woods got off to an atrocious start Thursday at the Bridgestone Invitational on his way to a 4-over 74, his highest round ever at Firestone.

It also ended his streak of nine rounds at par or better on the tree-lined

Pedro says he won't return

BASEBALL. Pedro Martinez plans to stay retired despite offers the past two weeks from several teams. The three-time Cy Young Award winner says he turned them down but was flattered by the invitations.

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Is Premiership's Lots on the line at Speedworld top spot up for grabs this year?

• Chelsea still favourites, but other teams are catching up with them • Manchester City is now league's top-spending club after breaking bank



Chelsea faces what could be the most open Premier League for years when it tries to hold on to the title it won by just a single point last season.

The Blues are favourites but their near decade-long status as the biggest spender in football's richest league has been surpassed by Manchester City's reaction to last season's failure to reach the Champions League.

City looks set to be a contender after spending about 80 million pounds (\$129 million) to bolster its squad and take its spending in two years past 300 million pounds

(\$484 million).

Manchester United has signed Mexico striker Javier Hernandez after finishing second last season and Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger says his young side is finally ready to challenge for the title.

"The Premier League has got progressively harder to win," United striker Wayne Rooney said. "In previous seasons, you might have had straightforward games where the top clubs could afford to rest players, but that's not the case anvmore.

"Nowadays it's hard to leave players out because

Combined age of **Manchester United** veterans Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Edwin van der Sar.

every game is competitive and difficult.'

Predictions are even harder than usual because of new Premier League rules limiting squad sizes in an effort to wean clubs off big money transfers.

The ruling that teams must now draw from a pool of 25 players instead of a limitless supply could hit City especially hard since it lists 38 first-team squad players on its website.

Since finishing fifth last season, City has bought Spain midfielder David Silva, Ivory Coast midfielder Yaya Toure, Serbia defender Alesksandar Kolarov and Germany defender Jerome Boateng.

"Yaya is one of the best midfielders in the world and for him to come to City shows the kind of ambition this club has," City midfielder Patrick Vieira said. "We want to win trophies and I think we'll do

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Arsenal back in the running: Wenger



Arsenal has failed to compete seriously since they went unbeaten through the 2003-04 season but coach Arsene Wenger thinks that another year's experience and minor tweaks to his squad will put his young players in contention.

"The money will not be an excuse for us if we do not achieve our targets," Wenger said. "Do I have a team I think can play at the top? I say, 'Yes.'
"I judge my players are

ready to compete for the championship."

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at Speedworld

Atlantic Cat 250 this weekend

A purse of almost \$60,000 will be up for grabs this weekend as Scotia Speedworld plays host to the Atlantic Cat

The event features top stock tour drivers from the Maritimes and New England, with qualifying taking place on Friday night and the 250-lap race on Saturday night.

This year's field in-cludes Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour veterans Wayne Smith of Timberlea, John Flemming of Halifax and Shawn Turple of Enfield.

Drivers to watch from

Getting in

Admission for Saturday's Atlantic Cat 250 is \$35 for adults and \$5 for youth. A weekend pass is available

New England include twotime Atlantic Cat 250 winner Ben Rowe of Turner, Me. and Cassius Clark of Farmington, Me.

Qualifying goes Friday at 7 p.m., with racing beginning on Saturday at 5

A field of 26 cars will be competing. METRO HALIFAX

Sports in brief

X-Men land ex-Q captain

HOCKEY. The St. Francis Xavier X-Men have bolstered their offence by landing former Moncton Wildcats captain Scott Brannon to its men's hockey lineup.

Brannon, who is from New Glasgow, played five seasons in the Quebec Major Iunior Hockey League, including with the Wildcats following a 2007 trade from the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

He finished with 89 goals and 81 assists in 302 regular season

games.

Nelson tops in qualifying

SUPERBIKE. Andrew Nelson was fastest in qualifying for Round 6 of the Parts Canada Superbike Championship on Friday at Atlantic Motorsport Park in Shubenacadie.

Nelson turned in a lap time of 1:07.79, which edged out points leader Jordan Szoke, who has yet to lose this season.

The final two races of the season take place this weekend in Shubenacadie, with Round 7 going on METRO HALIFAX



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For today's crossword answers

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things come easier to you effort to make things happen.

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go to metronews.ca ← Libra Sept. 23-0ct. 23 Important people will look on you favourably if you stick to what you know, but they will see

right through you if you pretend to be what you are not. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If someone annoys you today

you must let them know that if they continue along their current negative path you will come down on them hard. Are you being too tough? No, you can't be tough enough.

→ Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to remind yourself how much is possible and how good life can be when you choose light over dark in everything you do. The world is still a wonderful place, not least because you are in it.

Sudoku

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Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 19 Do you lack ambition? Of course not, but that does not mean you have to work 16 hours a day to get ahead in the world. You've heard the phrase "Work smarter, not harder".

Taurus April 20-May 21 Setbacks are testing your commitment and if you are not entirely sure you are on the right track you may be tempted to give up. Don't!

II Gemini May 22-June 21

Whatever your duties and commitments today you must also find time to do the things that you enjoy. It may be difficult to let your hair down and enjoy yourself, but difficult and impossible are not the same things.

what's gone wrong, or you can to have fun. Get together with people who bring a smile to your face.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 Both at home and at work you will find today than they have done for quite some time, and they will come easier still if you make an

them any excuse to retaliate.

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り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 A little bit of deception may be no bad thing today, especially if the person you are dealing with is somewhat emotional by nature. Why worry them with reality when you can cheer them with uplifting stories?

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The cracks in a working partnership are getting a bit too wide to ignore, so make it your main aim today to either close up the gap or end the liaison once and for all.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Few things happen in life purely by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today you may see the links between a series of apparently random events. SALLY BROMPTON





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